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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday,

28th July, 1936.

13th Karkidagam, 1111.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. Shabdai S. Koder, K. T. Mathew, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao, Dr. A. R. Menon and Mrs. Meenakshi N. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Tramway extension from Parambikulam to Malikkapara.

21. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has the Government investigated the scheme of extending the Tramway from Parambikulam to Malikkapara; if not, why not;

(b) is the Government aware of the amount of profit now realised by the Ropeway Company by transport of samans, etc., from Pollachi to the estates and back; will it not be a profitable concern if our Government takes this scheme and works it up, as Cochin has become a first-rate harbour?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) A rough investigation has been made.

In view of the heavy commitments already undertaken by Government, it will not be advisable to undertake this work and so a detailed investigation has not been made.

(b) Government have no information regarding the amount of profit realised by the Ropeway Co. It may be a profitable concern to work the scheme, but in view of the heavy capital outlay necessary, it is not possible to take it up.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Hon'ble Member kindly inform the House whether any attempt was made to ascertain the amount of profit before answering this question?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—A rough forecast has been made. We have roughly calculated the profit that may be made if we undertake the extension.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is it the Government's intention not to take up the work at all?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—In view of the heavy commitments that the Government have already undertaken, this is a thing that is not possible to take up now.

Mr. A V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to take up the work after the Harbour Works are completed?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I cannot now give a definite promise.

Mr. H. J. Walmesley.—Is it the opinion of the Conservator that the extension of the Tramway line will result in loss to the Government?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I cannot exactly answer the question now, but the traffic by Tramway may be confined to the plantations.

Mr. H. J. Walmesley.—Could not the forest produce be carried by the line?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Of course it may be able to carry but the question is which will be more economic.

Smuggling of foreign liquors—cases detected.

22. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of cases of smuggling of foreign liquors they have detected last year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—One.

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